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DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

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In the Matter of:

PROGRAM INSURANCE SPECIALISTS,
INC.,

Respondent.

No. 8466
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ORDER

REVOKING THE INSURANCE

LICENSES OF RESPONDENT
)

On or about June 24, 1994, the Director of the Arizona Department of Insurance (the "Director) entered an Order Summarily Suspending Licenses and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing (the "Order"). The Order summarily suspended Respondent's licenses and advised Respondent that it could request a hearing within thirty (30) days of service of the Order to contest the allegations contained in the Order. The Order further stated that if a timely request for hearing was not received, the Director will enter the allegations in the Order as Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law and will order the revocation of Respondent's license together with appropriate civil penalties and restitution as allowed by the law.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- 1. On June 24, 1994, the Order was mailed to Respondent at his address of last record.
- 2. Respondent has not requested a hearing on the Order.
- 3. Respondent is licensed as a Life and Disability and Property and Casualty insurance agent in this state

(License number 24036).

- 4. On or about October 15, 1993, Respondent submitted applications for Life and Disability and Property and Casualty insurance agency licenses.
- 5. In the Applications, James Chippendale

 ("Chippendale") is President of Applicant corporation and

 Douglas E. Smith ("Smith") is Secretary/Treasurer. Both

 Chippendale and Smith signed the applications,
- 6. In Respondent's Application, question number 15 states:

"Has applicant and/or officer, director, partner or licensed individual designated in the license ever been a defendant or respondent in any civil, criminal or administrative case involving allegations of fraud, misappropriation, conversion, misrepresentation, dishonesty or breach of fiduciary duty?

The question was answered "No" on both Applications.

- 7. Contrary to the responses stated above, on May 31, 1993, Smith was served with a Summons, Complaint and Certificate of Compulsory Arbitration in <u>Susan Gallinger</u>, <u>Director of Insurance of the State of Arizona</u>, et al. v. <u>AzStar Holding</u>, <u>Inc.</u>, et al., Maricopa County Superior Court, cause number CV93-06109.
- 8. On or about October 29, 1993, an Amended Complaint was filed in the above-referenced case.
- 9. Susan Gallinger as Director of Insurance, was the court-appointed receiver of AzStar Casualty Co., by the Order Appointing Receiver and Injunction, dated November 19, 1992 in

State of Arizona, ex rel. Susan Gallinger v. AzStar Casualty

Company, Maricopa County Superior Court, cause number CV92-20204.

- 10. AzStar Casualty is a wholly-owned subsidiary of AzStar Holdings, Inc. Smith was a director of AZStar Casualty and AzStar Holdings.
- 11. The Amended Complaint alleges that defendants
 AzStar Holdings, Smith and the other named defendants violated
 their fiduciary duties to AzStar Casualty.
- 12. On March 3, 1994, the Department advised Respondent that its application was denied pursuant to A.R.S. § 20-290(B)(1).
- 13. On March 22, 1994, Respondent timely demanded a hearing to contest the denial.
- 14. On April 28, 1994, the Department issued a Notice of Hearing setting the matter for hearing.
- 15. On May 25, 1994, the Superior Court of Maricopa County, Arizona issued a minute entry which ordered the Department to issue the subject licenses to Respondent due solely to the Department's failure to issued the Notice of Hearing within thirty (30) days after Respondent's demand in accordance with A.R.S. § 20-161(B).
- 16. On June 23, 1994, the Department issued the subject licenses to to Respondent in compliance with the Superior Court minute entry.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Respondent's conduct constitutes the existence of a cause for which the original issuance or any renewal of

1 Respondent's licenses could have been refused, within the meaning 2 of A.R.S. § 20-316(A)(1), together with A.R.S. § 20-290(B)(1). 3 2. The conduct described above constitutes the 4 existence of misrepresentation or fraud in obtaining or 5 attempting to obtain an insurance license, within the meaning of 6 A.R.S. \S 20-316(A)(3). 7 ORDER 8 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that: 9 1. Respondent's insurance licenses are revoked 10 immediately. 11 EFFECTIVE this 25th day of August 12 13 14 CHRIS HERSTAM, Director Arizona Department of Insurance 15 16 COPY of the foregoing delivered/mailed this 25th day of August, 1994, to: 17 Gay Ann Williams, Deputy Director 18 Charles R. Cohen, Executive Assistant Director Jay Rubin, Assistant Director 19 Maureen Catalioto, Supervisor Department of Insurance 20 2910 North 44th Street, Suite 210 Phoenix, Arizona 85018 21 Felecia Rotellini 22Assistant Attorney General 1275 West Washington, Room 259 23 Phoenix, Arizona 85007 Attorney for the Department of Insurance 24 Frederick C. Berry, Jr. 25 4041 N. Central Avenue, Suite 800 Phoenix, AZ 85012 26

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